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SUBJECT: HUNGARIAN 1977 GRAIN CROP

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1. PROPECTS FOR A HUNGARIAN GRAIN CROP OF 12.5 MILLION TONS
MAY STILL HOLD DESPITE ADVERSE WEATHER AND SOME DIFFICULTIES DURING
THE CURRENT SMALL GRAIN HARVEST WHICH NOW NEARING END.

2. REPORTS DURING HARVEST AND VISUAL OBSERVATIONS OF FIELDS
INDICATED SOME DIFFICULTIES IN HARVEST OPERATIONS. IN MANY AREAS 30
PERCENT OF THE FIELDS WERE FLATTENED BY RAIN AND STORMS AND HAIL REPO
RTEDLY
CAUSED DAMAGES OF VARIOUS DEGREES TO SOME 125,000 HECTARES OR
TO ABOUT 8 PERCENT OF THE AREAS SEWN TO SMALL GRAIN CROP.
DESPITE THESE ADVERSE WEATHER DEVELOPMENTS HOWEVER HARVEST
LOSSES REPORTEDLY ARE RELATIVELY SMALL THANKS IN
PART TO THE AVAILABILITY OF 10 PERCENT MORE HARVESTER
COMBINES THIS YEAR.

3. ALTHOUGH HARVEST LOSSES OFFICILALLY APPEAR TO BE MINIMIZED, IT
IS DOUBTFUL THAT THE HUNGARIAN SMALL GRAIN CROP (WHEAT, RYE,
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BARLEY AND OATS) WILL REACH THE TARGET OOF 6.4 MILLION TONS.

4. IN CONTRAST, THE FREQUENT RAINS IN JULY WERE EXTREMELY
BENEFICIAL TO THE CORN CROP WHICH AT THIS TIME LOOKS EXTREMELY
GOOD. IT APPEARS GTHEREFORE THAT DESPITE THE LOWER THAN PLANNED
ACREAGE PLANTED TO CORN FOR GRAIN (ABOUT 60,000 HECTARES LESS)
THE 6.4 MILLION ORIGINAL CORN PRODUCTION TARGET IS STILL

ACHIEVABLE.

5. ALTHOUGH STILL TOO EARLY, FOLLOWING ARE ESTIMATES ON THE HUNGARIAN 1977 GRAIN CROP. THE CURRENT SMALL GRAIN HARVEST COVERS A TOTAL OF 1,650,000 HECTARES OF WHICH AN ESTIMATED 1,312,000 HECTARES ARE IN WHEAT AND 90,000 HECTARES IN RYE. ASSUMING A 3.65 TON PER HECTARE YIELD FOR WHEAT (AS AGAINST THE RECORD 3.88 TONS IN 1976) WHEAT CROP MAY COME TO AROUND 4.8 MILLION TONS A D RYE AROUND 140,000 TONS. BARLEY AND OATS TOGETHER MAY COME TO 1.2 MILLION TONS GIVING A TOTAL SMALL GRAIN CROP OF AROUND 6.1 MILLION TONS. CORN FOR GRAIN IS EXPECTED TO BE HARVESTED FROM 1,340,000 HECTARES AND WITH AN ESTIMATED MORE THAN 4.6 TONS PER HECTARE YIELD IT COULD PRODUCE A HARVEST AT LEAST 6.4 MILLION TONS.

6. AGATT REQUESTED TO SEE HUNGARINA MINAG OFFICIALS ON AUG 11

FOR BRIEFING ON LATEST HARVEST SITUATION. WILL CABLE RESULTS.
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